Bristol, April 15th 1853

My dear Mr. May.

The last letter I received from you was dated Feb. 17th & I had just time to acknowledge it in my last but one to you of March 4th. The last I wrote to you was on the 11th March. As in neither of your recent letters you allude to a request of mine that you wd. furnish me with some data for an article in the Advocate on the American Unitarians, I will not let this post pass without reminding you of my application, & begging you to furnish me with with the facts I desire as soon as convenient. The Quakers here are indignant with the reference to the Hicksites in our (L. Mathews's) ~~last~~ article on the "American Friends" in the April Advocate: Wm. Smeal (of Glasgow,) (our great Antislavery ally,) declares in his "British Friend" that it is a misnomer to call Hicksites "Friends". These are Sectarian distinctions that do not trouble or interest me.

The other point I wd. mention is to repeat my hope that Mr. Garrison would say something, — as favorably as he can, of the present course of the British & F. A. S. Socy. Mr. Chamerovzow is acting with much anxiety to the notice in the Liberator of the April No of the A.S. Reporter. The "address to the Churches" cannot be too highly commended: especially that which is now scattered abroad by the Socy to thousands of clergymen in the land. with the "address" ~~There~~ are statistics of Slaveholding Churches, & other religious organizations, & a Circular urging separate congregations to address their representative bodies at the London May Meetings, requesting them to remonstrate with their "co-religionists" in the U.S. Mr Cham: writes me that he has circulated 5000 copies to Ministers & Secretaries &c. I continue in most confidential communication with him, & am surprised at what he is effecting with the Comm:! One thing is quite clear, they see they have gone on a wrong tack, & must change their course. Rd Webb, has always been less doubtful about as the honesty of Jos. Sturge & G. W. Alexander than I have: but as events progress, there is more & more ground for supposing that they have not been so hostile to the real A.S. movement as I ~~supposed~~ was against them, & that Scoble has been more despotic in the Committee, & more hostile to the "Am. A.S.S." than even we considered him. There are several interesting matters now going forward which I hope my daughters may be able to tell you. Having several letters to write to-day, I must limit my communication to a few lines.

We have much reason for believing that the prejudice excited in this country against the Boston Soc.ʸ on account of its disseminating "infidelity" is diminishing; & that an attempt now ~~started~~ making at Glasgow by the ~~new~~ "Christian" Abolitionists, & their new paper the "Friend of the Fugitive" to keep the flame of religious bigotry alive by feeding it with fuel wrung from the Slaves Cause, is a lost & with some a fruitless, effort. It wd. sadden the heart of Mr Garrison were he to see the letters we see, from the truest friends of the cause in these islands, bemoaning the unnecessary impediments he throws in the way of the Slaves' welfare by the articles he admits into the Liberator. & I can see the future historian of the A.S. cause, will have to dwell upon the mistake which has so seriously marred Mr G's usefulness.

It is my intention to give in my name as a subscriber to the "Brit. & For. A.S. Socʸ"; I can do so now with full satisfaction, & believe it may not be of disservice to Mr Cham: in his arduous navigation. Ever Yours, J. B. Estlin.

P.S. You will have Wednesday's Mr Advertiser: it will be a bitter pill to John Scoble to read the article in it!

How interesting the Lib.ʳ of March 18 & 25 were — one with your letter

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My dear Mr May,

My Father has brought me this note telling
to fill up his headings & to supply his omissions
but the field is so wide & post-time to close at
that I can attempt little more than complete
the weight of the letter by printed circulars whic
will serve as specimens of the anti slavery mis
that are flying over our land. You will find all th
portion of Mr Chamerovzow's Address to the Relig
Bodies which does not appear in the Reporter, to
with the circular which he has sent with it to 60
ministers! His impartiality & fearlessness are
encouraging. He assures us he has no sympathy
the sectarian spirit which prompted the new Gla
movement, & that he shall be ready to expose it wh
ever it interferes with the interests of the Cause.
looks upon the present attempt in Glasgow as too insignific
to be worth noticing, in which view ~~all~~ the friends who ha
referred to it agree. Perhaps Mr Garrison may
think Mr Guthrie's article worth a corner
the Refuge of oppression. At any rate you shou
have the only copy of the "Friend of the Fugitive" th
we have received. Miss Wigham of Edinburgh se
it to us, & also the prospectus, that we might be *on our*
guard, but she thinks it will soon die a natura
death. We feel very anxious to know what influen
Mrs Stowe will have on these bigoted Glasgow
ligionists, & what effect *they* will have on *her*. The
was to be a public reception for her last coming. Sir
Stephen was very anxious to bring one about in Live
on her landing, & we are glad he was not disappointed. He wr
to Miss Lupton about it, offering to take any part that m
be thought useful by *her antislavery friends*, & adding
"The effect in the Slave States would be astounding; but
"mark me, we will have no "*soft-soldering*" of them." Speak
"must be the order of the day, & I think I know some wh
"will do it whether so ordered or not." He thanks her
some papers she had sent, "especially Garrison's *ver*

"eloquent remarks on "hard language". He adds "They
"are quite after my own heart. Garrison & I entertain
"very kindred sentiments on this point. It is one
"on which some of our best friends are not quite or-
"thodox. My letter to the Northampton Mercury was
"published there, because it was somewhat too
"strong for the nerves of those who asked me to write
"it by way of introduction to Uncle Tom's Cabin". When
"will people learn to speak of the devil & his slaveholding
"satellites without mincing the matter!" It is cheering
to observe the increasing prevalence of this strong
feeling, & the decrease of the apologetic tone when
reference is made to Slavery; & these references are
now incessant, the public papers, railway guides, every
thing is full of them. It will be curious to see what
course will be pursued by the leaders of the different
religious Societies this Spring. They will have a struggle
between their American pro-slavery alliances & the
popular antislavery pressure that will be brought
to bear upon them, aided by the B. & F. "appeal." The
anniversary of that Socy on May 16th — will be
an important occasion. You may have seen in the
"Reporter" that the Earl of Shaftesbury is to take the chair
Mrs Stowe will be in Town, & Mr Chamerovzow is
doing his best to make it a really effective & catholic
meeting. He has expressed a great wish (tho' not
officially of course) that Mr J. Miller McKim may
be here in time to attend it; we understand that
he plans coming to England this Spring. If we
had also the satisfaction of a Boston representative
of the Abolitionists we should feel strong enough
to carry all before us. As it is there is very much to
encourage us. Mr Chamerovzow being anxious to
unite with every true friend of the Cause, & determined
to recognize them as such in the Reporter must
insure a wider co-operation & a subsiding of
hostility. He is applying to different antislavery

societies for their Reports— Edinburgh, Glasgow,
Dublin, Cork, Manchester, Perth &c. that they
may all be noticed in the Reporter. We have
"posted him up" on every point that has a gener
a controversial character, the "infidel" innuendo
to the Glasgow ladies &c. & the Boston Bazaar gu,
that he may be better prepared to meet any op
position that may arise; the old often refute
stories are still repeated, but the antidotes spr
more rapidly than the poison since the im
-proved machinery. Miss Pugh's visit to Lee
has borne good fruits. She spent nearly three mon
there & rectified a great many erroneous noti
& brought to a focus some scattered elements of
antislavery life. An Antislavery Association
is now formed there of which the Luptons, Mr
Wilson Armistead (a quaker) & Mrs Baines, wife of the
Editor of the Leeds Mercury, some Episcopalian
Clergymen, & some orthodox dissenting minis
& their wives are members. Mr Armistead is
a very laborious worker in the Cause, & very
free from the narrow views which have k
most of his sect from co-operating with the
Am Abolitionists. I enclose a prospectus of
the series of tracts he is publishing & some spe
cimens of the little texts he sends abroad. Pe
You may have had from Leeds some of the
tracts he has reprinted! The Morning
Advertiser of Wedy contains a capital article on the p
& present position of Broad St. I hope we may be ab
to send you one. There is a copy posted for Mr Gay, &
hope it may be copied in the Standard. Poor Mr Ed.
Mathews is lecturing in Wales & feels encouraged.
is to have meetings at Swansea & Neath ~~last~~ next week.
Excuse this condensed style to which time & space limit
With kind love to Mrs May & Adeli

The B. & Clifton Society were much gratified
by your notice of our report, but had heard
no complaints at its non-appearance earlier.
They only wanted the assurance that this
course was approved by you.